

Art Unit: 1772

Claim 36, line 2, before "surface", the word - -edge- - has been inserted.

Claim 36, line 2, the phrase "a three" has been replaced by - -the three- -.

Claim 36, line 3, after "portion", the phrase - - and having a continuous and uninterrupted surface- - has been added.

NB 11/13/06 Claim <sup>36</sup>~~34~~, line 9, after "portion", the phrase - - wherein a second adhesive is disposed on the second side of the wood portion, the second side at least partially attaches the wood portion to the one edge surface of the three dimensional article- - has been added.

Claim 37 has been cancelled.

### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

A review of applicants' arguments in amendment filed on 6/30/2006 and a review of the instant amended claims has convinced the examiner that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record. The prior art fails to teach or suggest an edge band assembly in combination with a three dimensional article comprising an edge band that is attached to at least one edge surface of the article, the edge band having a wood portion and having a continuous and uninterrupted surface, a protective layer removable adhered to the first side of the wood portion by a first adhesive and a second adhesive is disposed on the second opposite side of the wood portion attaching the wood portion to the edge surface of the article, the edge can be a roll or can have stain within or on the first side.